



Jefferson County

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Workforce Trends

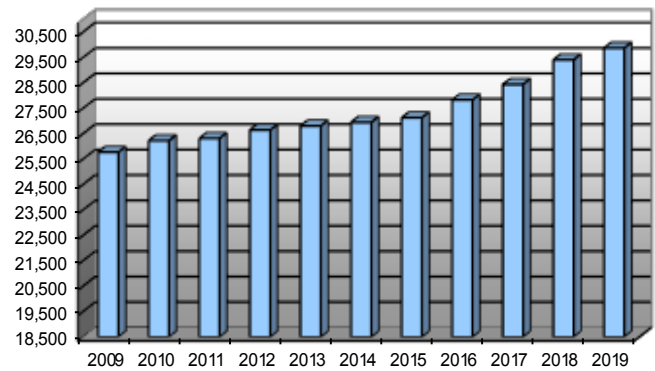
Population

Following a yearly increase of over 1,000 from 2007 to 2009, Jefferson County's population has steadily increased each year to 29,871 in 2019. Between 2008 and 2019 Jefferson County was the fifth fastest growing county in the state, growing 16 percent over the decade. The county is part of the Idaho Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area and sits between the high-growth counties of Bonneville and Madison, which affects Jefferson since it gets their overflow.

Jefferson County's largest city is Rigby with a population of 4,292 in 2019.

Many new residential subdivisions and commercial developments have been added, and the county is trying to stay abreast of infrastructure issues. Many businesses have expanded to meet the needs of this growing county.

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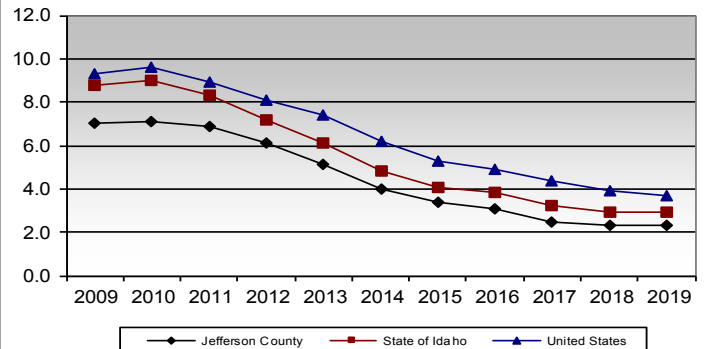
Labor Force & Employment

Jefferson County's unemployment rate remained comparatively low between 2008 and 2019 and stayed below the state and national rates during the last decade. The 2018 unemployment rate was 2.3 percent. Many residents commute to Madison or Bonneville counties, where the growing job market has been substantial. The labor force grew 2,479, 21.6 percent, during the decade. Employment also grew 27.7 percent over the decade.

U.S. Highway 20 is a gateway for tourists heading to Island Park and Yellowstone National Park, and the county wants to take advantage of that traffic. The Riot Zone, which features recreational activities for the whole family, is situated next to Rigby Lake, which offers picnic sites, day use and swimming. U.S. Highway 26 also attracts tourists traveling to the Targhee National Forest, various ski resorts and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Government, trade, manufacturing and construction are the largest industries with providing nearly two-thirds of the

Unemployment Rates



jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials and several school districts account for government jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in wholesale trade. Most of the manufacturing jobs are at the two large potato processing plants, Idahoan Foods and Idaho Pacific. Grain, corn and potatoes are produced in the county.

Manufacturing and trade account for roughly 35 percent covered employment in the county. Government accounted for 19 percent.

Perhaps the county's biggest claim to fame is the city of Rigby, which is the home of the inventor of television, Philo Farnsworth.

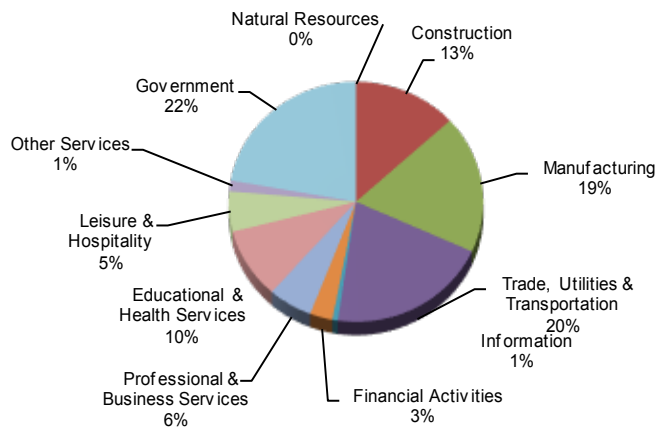
Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	14,149	14,664
Total Employment	13,808	14,285
Unemployed	341	379
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.4	2.6
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	11,502	12,611	12,513	12,197	12,143	12,248	12,474	12,848	13,075	13,611	14,035
Unemployment	808	890	868	750	621	491	418	397	333	314	326
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.1	5.1	4.0	3.4	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.3
Employment	10,694	11,721	11,645	11,447	11,522	11,757	12,056	12,451	12,742	13,297	13,709

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Covered Employers

Jefferson County's covered employment increased 4.7 percent from 2008 to 2018. Total employment increased between 2017 and 2018 by 309, primarily due to a gain in professional and business services jobs.

Information experienced the largest percent growth over the decade, 1092.3 percent. However, the employment growth was small, 36. The average annual wage increased 32.3 percent over the decade.

Covered employment includes jobs subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Major Employers

Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.
Broulim's Foodtpwm
Idahoan Foods
Idaho Pacific Corporation
Idaho Transportation Department
Kelly Canyon Winter Park LLC
Rigby Produce
Taylor Produce

Idaho Falls MSA Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Farmworkers and Laborers - Crop	\$9.74	\$11.92
Farmworkers, Farm, & Ranch Animals	\$8.34	\$13.05
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk	\$11.61	\$16.75
Cashiers	\$8.38	\$10.54
Construction Laborers	\$11.92	\$14.71
Food Preparation Workers	\$8.82	\$11.19
Customer Service Representatives	\$10.96	\$14.38
Engineers	\$37.47	\$53.35
Fast Food & Counter Workers	\$8.50	\$9.34
Office Clerks, General	\$10.18	\$14.89
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$8.29	\$10.05
Janitors & Cleaners	\$9.43	\$12.73
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$8.49	\$12.60
Retail Salespersons	\$9.38	\$14.12

* Additional wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

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Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	5,653	\$25,065	6,857	\$32,945	6,998	\$33,585
Agriculture	795	\$27,446	697	\$36,780	701	\$37,983
Mining	**	**	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	508	\$26,822	823	\$38,213	831	\$40,513
Manufacturing	790	\$26,638	1,117	\$41,429	1,173	\$43,416
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	1,040	\$25,369	1,292	\$32,597	1,293	\$33,398
Information	5	\$26,806	39	\$33,744	45	\$34,645
Financial Activities	150	\$31,217	189	\$53,798	182	\$47,093
Professional and Business Services	250	\$29,643	388	\$34,672	357	\$37,962
Educational and Health Services	332	\$26,841	567	\$22,220	590	\$21,927
Leisure and Hospitality	328	\$8,048	316	\$10,409	342	\$10,989
Other Services	58	\$20,982	99	\$21,458	95	\$23,874
Government	1,393	\$24,238	1,332	\$28,189	1,390	\$27,336

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jefferson County	\$26,907	\$27,210	\$29,752	\$29,496	\$29,870	\$30,022	\$31,296	\$32,678	\$33,745	\$34,900
State of Idaho	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
United States	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis